

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MONTEV 03357 161555Z

47

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01

RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 /047 W

----- 003265

O 161504Z NOV 74

FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7074

INFO AMEMBASSY LIMA NIACT IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MONTEVIDEO 3357

DEPARTMENT PASS INFO ALL OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLIC
DIPLOMATIC POSTS

TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PE, UY

SUBJ: PRESIDENT VELASCO'S ACCUSATIONS

1. SINCE I
HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING IN THE INTERIOR MAKING OFFICIAL
CALLS DURING THE PAST WEEK I HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF AND THEREFORE
UNABLE TO COMMENT ON PRESIDENT VELASCO'S PRESS CONFERENCE
REMARKS. FOR POSSIBLE USE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN FORMULATING
ITS COMMENT ON THIS MATTER I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

A. I SERVED IN LIMA AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION FOR ALMOST
SIX YEARS, FROM SEPTEMBER 1963 UNTIL JUST AFTER THE MIDDLE OF
AUGUST 1969. DURING THIS PERIOD I FREQUENTLY SERVED AS CHARGE
AND, IN FACT, WAS CHARGE FROM MAY OF 1969, UPON THE DEPARTURE
OF AMBASSADOR JONES, UNTIL I TURNED THE MISSION OVER TO HIS
SUCCESSOR AMBASSADOR BELCHER IN MID AUGUST. WHILE, AS IS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MONTEV 03357 161555Z

KNOWN, THERE WERE OFFICIAL STRAINS IN OUR RELATIONS DURING THE

LAST YEAR, FOLLOWING THE MILITARY COUP OF OCTOBER 1968, I WAS ALWAYS ON GOOD PERSONAL TERMS WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO WHOM I HAD KNOWN FOR YEARS, WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER MERCADO JARRIN, AND IN FACT, WITH INNUMERABLE FIGURES IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT. I PARTICIPATED IN THE CEREMONIES WHEN AMBASSADOR BELCHER PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT VELASCO AND, THEREAFTER, PAID HIM A FAREWELL CALL IN HIS OFFICE BEFORE DEPARTING. I ALSO PAID FAREWELL CALLS ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER CABINET OFFICIALS

WITH WHOM I WAS ADCQUAINTED AND THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR GENERAL, AMBASSADOR ALEGANDRO DEUSTA, GAVE A FAREWELL LUNCHEON IN MY HONOR AT THE CLUB NACIONAL WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY A GREAT NUMBER OF FRIENDS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS WELL AS AMBASSADORS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. AT NO TIME EVER DID THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU REQUEST MY EXPULSION FROM THE COUNTRY. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT PRESIDENT VELASCO IS EITHER CONFUSED WITH EVENTS WHICH HAPPENED NEARLY A YEAR AFTER I LEFT THE COUNTRY OR HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE SLANDEROUS LIES ASSOCIATING ME WITH THE CIA WHICH WERE INVENTED AND GIVEN CURRENCY BY OIGA MAGAZINE SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER MY DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNTRY.

2. WHILE EMBASSY LIMA'S DISCLAIMER OF THE CORRECTNESS OF UPI REPORT THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAD SAID VELASCO'S STATEMENTS WERE "COMPLETELY FALSE" (US INFO LIMA CURRENT REACTION REPORT OF NOVEMBER 15) MAY BE TECHNICALLY CORRECT, THAT DISCLAIMER UNFORTUNATELY IN ABSENCE OF ANY STATEMENT AS TO THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER TENDS TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO VELASCO'S FALSE CHARGES.

3. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WHICH I HOLD VALUABLE CONCERNING MY PERSONAL INTEGRITY AS A DIPLOMAT AND THE GREAT NUMBER OF FRIENDS I HAVE IN PERU AND ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA, I TRUST THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROMPTLY DO WHAT IS NECESSARY NOT ONLY OFFICIALLY TO CORRECT PRESIDENT VELASCO'S MISINFORMATION ON THIS MATTER BUT ALSO TO SEE THAT THE PUBLIC RECORD IS CORRECT AS WELL BY DISSEMINATING THE TRUE FACTS OF MY DEPARTURE FROM PERU.

4. IN ORDER THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY NOT BE ADVERSELY INFLUENCED BY THESE FALSE CHARGES, I INTENT FORMALLY TO ADVISE IT OF THE FACTS OF MY SERVICE IN AND DEPARTURE FROM LIMA AS SET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MONTEV 03357 161555Z

FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 1 (A) ABOVE AND I TRUST THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BACK THIS UP WITH SIMILAR ADVICE TO THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

GDS
SIRACUSA

NOTE BY OC/T: MONTEVIDEO 3357 NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, ALLEGATIONS, AMBASSADORS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MONTEV03357
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740332-0030
From: MONTEVIDEO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741137/aaaabeuy.tel
Line Count: 115
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 SEP 2002 by WorrelSW>; APPROVED <11 MAR 2003 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT VELASCO'S ACCUSATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, PE, UY
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005